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Mr. Jake Riehm
Industry Analysis Division, Media Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Docket No. 13-50

Dear Mr. Riehm,

I write this as an American citizen, concerned by the FCC Media Bureau's consideration of relaxing the long-standing 25% limit on foreign ownership of American radio and television broadcasters. Though it may have been forgotten in the cool halls of Washington power and the MSM boardrooms, the licenses held for exclusive use of American broadcast frequencies also hold an implicit social contract with the American People; to provide a uniquely American voice and vision for America's future.

The 25% rule has served that mandate long and well. If it is now "relaxed" where does the relaxation end? Will we see 51% foreign ownership, 75%, even 100%? I can easily understand the broadcast industry's financial interest in seeing this rule go away. I cannot understand why the steward of our public trust, the FCC, seems so willing to accommodate their aspirations at what I feel is the expense of the American people.

This is a bad idea. It may not evidence itself as such for months; perhaps years. When it does, however, it will be too late to correct. I urge the FCC not to consider this change and to leave the 25% foreign ownership rule intact.

Respectfully,

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